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THE DAILY BEAT

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MONTANA TRIBAL NEWS:

FOOD BASKETS OFFERED TO 200 CHIPPEWA/CREE

The Rocky Boy Chippewa/Cree Business Council features Christmas food baskets for first 200 enrolled mem-bers. Proof of enrollment is required. Noon Thursday and Friday. Westgate Mall, 1807 3rd St. N.W. Call 268-1510 or 452-2892.

U.N. DECLARATION BECOMES LAW OF THE LAND IN BOLIVIA.

By Rick Kearns -- Today correspondent

LA PAZ, Bolivia - On Nov. 7, in the Government Palace



AP Photo /Juan Karita -- Bolivia's President Evo Morales, right, greeted an indigenous leader. Surrounded by cheering Native leaders and other representatives, Morales announced the passage of National Law 3760, legislation that is an exact copy of the United Nation's recently passed Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, Nov. 7 in the Government Palace.

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Peoples, legislation that is an exact copy of the United Nation's recently passed Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples.

CITIZENS SEEK WAYS TO MAKE FORT PECK RESERVATION A SAFER PLACE

By RICHARD PETERSON Tribune Staff Writer

POPLAR — Fort Peck Tribal Chairman A.T. "Rusty" Stafne pleaded with U.S. Attorney Bill Mercer at a community forum to help make the Fort Peck Reservation a safer place to live.

"Our people are afraid because there are persons committing crimes against us at night and in broad daylight. Many people are afraid to come out at night," the chairman told Mercer before more than 100 people in attendance Monday night at Fort Peck Community College. "We have criminals that are simply unafraid of prosecution."

BLACKFEET WOMAN TAKES CORRECTIONS LIAISON POST

By The Associated Press

HELENA - Myrna Kuka, who has worked in the corrections field for 22 years, is the new American Indian liaison for the Montana Department of Corrections, the agency said Monday.

Kuka, a member of the Blackfeet Tribe, takes over as the department's fourth liaison Jan. 2. She replaces Jim Mason, who resigned in late August after almost three years in the job.

SITTING COUNCIL MEMBERS MAY LOSE POSITIONS

By VINCE DEVLIN of the Missoulian

PABLO - Two incumbents on the Confederated Salish and Kootenai Tribal Council will have to make up deficits to retain their seats when more than 400 contested and absentee ballots are counted Wednesday.

Challengers Terry L. Pitts and Charles L. "Charlie" Morigeau both lead current council members after early tabulations.

Pitts leads longtime council member Elmer "Sonny" Morigeau by 99 votes in the Dixon District.

In the St. Ignatius District, Charles Morigeau holds a 72-vote lead on incumbent Ronald Trahan.

BATTLEFIELD ENTRY FREE THURSDAY

CROW AGENCY - On Thursday, the Little Bighorn Battlefield will host an open house. Entrance to the battlefield will be free from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

CHILDREN, FAMILIES INVOLVED IN FOSTER CARE HONORED

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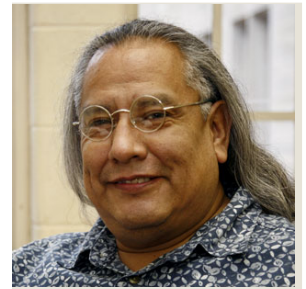
WASHINGTON - Tribal leaders and American Indian/Alaska Native parents and youth from across the nation joined child welfare advocates and federal policy-makers at Smithsonian's National Museum of the American Indian Dec. 11 to recognize AI/AN children and families involved in the U.S. foster care system. Hosted by the National Indian Child Welfare Association, the National Congress of American Indians and the national Kids Are Waiting campaign, the event acknowledged the struggles faced by the more than 500 federally recognized tribes in meeting the needs of children and families in their care, and Congress' role in providing the funds necessary to provide vital programs and services.

THE ONLY NATIVE AMERICAN ASTRONOMER

BLOOMINGTON, Ind. -- Dennis Lamenti believes he is the only Native American astronomer in the U.S. with -- or working on -- a graduate degree. HHe actively has sought others through conferences, speeches and committee meetings and comes up empty handed.

But he intends to change that.

The IU graduate student is planning a spring Bloomington campus visit and a retreat for Native American students to a national observatory, and is involved in a nation-wide event, all to bring more Native Americans to the field of astronomy while introducing his culture's astronomic heritage to the world.



Dennis Lamenti

JOB VACANCIES:

Assistant or Associate Professor of Exercise Physiology The University of Montana

The Health and Human Performance Department at the University of Montana is accepting applications for a 10 month, tenure track Assistant or Associate Professor of Exercise Physiology position to begin August, 2008. Be part of a vibrant, fast-growing department deeply rooted in active student learning with a dynamic and collaborative faculty. The University of Montana is located in the Rocky Mountain grandeur of western Montana midway between Yellowstone and Glacier National Parks. **Responsibilities include:** teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in applied areas of Exercise Science based on personal skills and departmental need; guidance of undergraduate and graduate student research; and academic advising. Faculty members are expected to engage in department, school, university and professional service. Applicants must demonstrate a record of, or show potential for, excellence in research or scholarly activities, publications and extramural funding. **Required qualifications include:** An earned doctorate in Exercise Physiology or a closely related field; evidence of scholarly achievements and potential; evidence of successful classroom and/or laboratory teaching experience and evidence of ability to work in a collegial atmosphere with students and colleagues. Current ACSM or NCSA certification recommended. **Applications** must include a letter of application, current and projected research agenda, current vita, official transcripts of all graduate work, and three current letters of reference by *February 1* to: Exercise Science Search Committee Chair, The University of Montana, Department of Health and Human Performance, 32 Campus Drive, Missoula, Montana 59812. We invite you to call us at (406) 243-4211. Visit the HHP web site at <http://www.soe.umt.edu/hhp>. The full job posting is listed at <http://www.umt.edu/hrs/FAC/aaep.html>.

SALARY: Salary is dependent upon qualifications.
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GRANTS/OPPORTUNITIES:

NEH ON THE ROAD EXHIBITION GRANTS

Agency Name: National Endowment for the Humanities

Description: These grants support ancillary public humanities programs to accompany NEH on the Road traveling exhibitions. Typical formats involve lectures, reading and discussion programs, film discussion programs, Chautauqua presentations by scholars, family programs, exhibition tours, or other appropriate formats for reaching the general public. The criterion for review is the degree to which the programs involve humanities experts as presenters in ways that build on the themes of the exhibition. NEH staff evaluate applications and forward recommendations to the National Council on the Humanities. The National Council meets at various times during the year to advise the NEH chairman on grants. The chairman takes into account the advice provided by the review process and, by law, makes all funding decisions.

Award Ceiling: \$1,000

Link to Full Announcement

http://www.neh.gov/grants/guidelines/NEH_OnTheRoad_GuidelinesForSelectedVenues.html

If you have difficulty accessing the full announcement electronically, please contact:

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National Endowment for the Humanities
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WORLD CENTER FOR CONCRETE TECHNOLOGY (WCCT) OFFERS TUITION FREE SCHOLARSHIPS FOR MONTANANS

Dr. Olin Joynton, President of the Alpena Community College in Michigan is partnering with Porter Block, Inc., and offering twenty tuition free education scholarships for Montanans. Porter Block is a participant in the WCCT Partners in Progress program to test materials from Montana for possible environmentally friendly uses. Successful applicants will be awarded student scholarships for two years at one of the leading concrete institutions in the world, World Center for Concrete Technology, which was founded in 2000 to enhance concrete-related programs at ACC dating back to 1954. Students can return with their credits to Montana's higher educational institutes. Dr. Joynton and Don MacMaster, the winner for the 2007 Recognition of Excellence award for training grant implementation from the U S Department of Labor were recently in Montana, and held a meeting with members of the Governor's Office of Economic Development, Department of Labor & Industry and the State Workforce Board. MacMaster shared his success with landing and implementing ACC's recent three-year, \$1.9 million Community Based Job Training Grant for concrete technology from the US Department of Labor.

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EVENTS/TRAINING:

NATIVE AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL (NAETC)

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 10 (a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) (Public Law 92-463), as amended, and section 166 (h)(4) of the Workforce Investment Act (WIA) [29 U.S.C. 2911(h)(4)], notice is hereby given of the next meeting of the NATIVE AMERICAN EMPLOYMENT AND TRAINING COUNCIL (NAETC), as constituted under WIA.

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COMMUNITY SYSTEMS GRANTWRITING WORKSHOP

Contact: Betsy Danforth, MSU Women's Center, 406-994-3836
Date: December 10, 2007

For the thirtieth time in Montana, the comprehensive grantwriting training program GET THAT GRANT: GRANTWRITING FROM CONCEPTION TO COMPLETION will be held in Bozeman, Montana, Monday through Thursday, April 21-24, 2008. This outstanding, internationally acclaimed workshop is presented by COMMUNITY SYSTEMS of Bozeman, Montana. Conducted by Dr. Barbara C. Bader and Mr. Steven Carr, this workshop is sponsored by the Women's Center at Montana State University.

This workshop addresses all aspects of successful grantseeking, including developing and assessing proposal ideas, generating support for grant applications, designing and writing a complete grant proposal, editing and submitting proposals, generating support for grant applications, designing and writing a complete grant proposal, editing and submitting proposals, following up with funders and surviving the proposal review process. Special attention is devoted to writing the technical components of grant proposals such as the statement of need, goals and objectives, project methods, project evaluation, project timetable, and proposal budget.

The workshop identifies sources of government, foundation, corporate and other grant support and assesses trends in the funding environment as well as teaching how to conduct a productive funding search using an extensive library of grant references provided at the workshop and shows how to conduct a formal funding search and query high-priority funders. It reviews criteria that funders use in evaluating proposals and suggests strategies for avoiding common pitfalls in grantseeking. Techniques for developing a grants infrastructure and planning and organizing the grantseeking effort are stressed.

Each participant receives a detailed 482+ page COMMUNITY SYSTEMS training/resource manual that includes a proposal writing guide and essential background resources for grantseekers. This is a hard-working, hands-on, how-to-do-it workshop, and each workshop participant develops a comprehensive grant proposal during the session. Participants receive extensive individual consultation during the workshop as well as follow-up critique of their grant proposals.

For further information on the grantwriting program, or to register for the workshop, contact the MSU Women's Center at (406) 994-3836, 15 Hamilton Hall, Montana State University, Bozeman, MT 59717, Monday through Friday, 9am to 4pm, or email Betsy Danforth at danforth@montana.edu. **Registration deadline is March 28, 2008.**